

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 20 has been added by this amendment. Each of the pending claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 9, 11, and 16-18 have been objected to due to various informalities. The claims have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,992,721 to Kambayashi et al. Kambayashi does not anticipate the claimed invention as it does not disclose, among other things a bendable member or joint disposed in the first longitudinal axis of the first member as is recited in the amended claims.

Embodiments of the present invention relate to a flexible token. For example, reading independent claim 1 on the embodiment of the invention shown in Figures 3A and Figures 3B, the first member 302 has a first longitudinal axis 306A. A second member 304 has a second longitudinal axis 306B. A bendable member, for example, joint 308, 309 is disposed in the first longitudinal axis 306A. The bendable member permits the second longitudinal axis 306B to be rotated away from the first longitudinal axis 306A, for example as shown in Figure 3B. By disposing the joint in the first longitudinal axis, damage to the token or the host computer interface may be prevented.

Kambayashi et al. describes a CCD camera that can be connected to a computer. The camera includes a USB connector 250 and a reinforcing portion 260. The reinforcing portion 260 serves to protect the connector 250 from breaking due to application of force to the CCD camera 200, please see column 6, lines 38-49. The USB connector 250 is connected to an anchor portion 210. The anchor portion 210 is attached through the USB connector 250 and the reinforcing portion 260 to the computer 100 in such a manner as not to rotate, please see column 5, lines 57-59. Accordingly, Kambayashi does not disclose bendable member or joint disposed in the first longitudinal axis of the first member for insertion into a USB-compliant host female connector as is required by the amended claims. The moveable portion 220 cited in the Office Action is not disposed along the first longitudinal axis of any of the anchor portion, USB connector 250, or the

reinforcing portion 260. Instead of providing a bendable member or joint in first longitudinal axis, Kambayashi discloses using a reinforcing portion 260 to prevent the connector 250 from breaking by the application of force.

Additionally, independent claims 16, 17 and 18 also recite that the second longitudinal axis of the second member is co-linear with the first longitudinal axis of the first member. The joint is disposed along the first longitudinal axis. This is clearly opposite from Kambayashi in which the cited first member, USB connector 250 and the cited second member, moveable portion 222 clearly do not have longitudinal axis which are co-linear. Additionally, the bendable member or joint of Kambayashi cited in the Office Action is not disposed in the first longitudinal axis of the first member, see column 6, lines 1-10 and Figures 4 and 10.

In view of the above, it is clear that the Kambayashi does not teach or suggest each and every element recited in the claims as is required by 35 U.S.C. 102. Therefore, the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 7 and 11-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kambayashi. Kambayashi does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. In fact, Kambayashi teaches the exact opposite of the invention in that the anchor portion 210 is attached to the USB connector 250 and the reinforcing portion 260 to the computer 100 in such a manner as not to bend, move, or break.

In view of the above, it is clear that the cited references does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kambayashi et al. in view of Krietzman et al. Claim 6 depends from independent claim 1 and is patentable over Kambayashi et al for at least the reason discussed above regarding independent claim 1. Krietzman et al. does not supplement Kambayashi et al. to teach or suggest the elements of the claimed invention. Therefore, the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

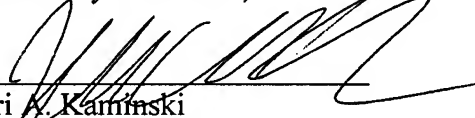
If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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